

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL HEALTH

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: James M. Evans

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Center for Multicultural Health within the Department of Health;
- ▶ specifies the center's duties;
- ▶ appropriates monies for the center; and
- ▶ requires annual reporting to the Legislature.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$100,000 from the

General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05 to the Department of Health to fund the Center for Multicultural Health.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-7-2, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-7-2** is enacted to read:

26-7-2. Center for Multicultural Health -- Duties.

(1) As used in this section, "multicultural and minority health issues" means health,

including mental and oral health, issues of particular interest to cultural, ethnic, racial, or other subpopulations, including:

(a) disparities in:

(i) disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality, treatment, and treatment response;

and

(ii) access to care; and

(b) cultural competency in the delivery of health care.

(2) There is created within the department the Center for Multicultural Health.

(3) The Center for Multicultural Health shall:

(a) promote and coordinate the research, data production and dissemination, education, and health promotion activities of the department, local health departments, local mental health authorities, public schools, community-based organizations, indian tribes, and other organizations within the state as they relate to multicultural and minority health issues;

(b) assist in the development and implementation of programs to address multicultural and minority health issues;

(c) promote the dissemination and use of information on multicultural and minority health issues by minority populations, health care providers, and others;

(d) seek federal funding and other resources to accomplish its mission;

(e) provide technical assistance to entities within the state seeking funding to study or address multicultural and minority health issues;

(f) provide staff assistance to any advisory committee created by the department to study multicultural and minority health issues; and

(g) annually report to the Legislature on its activities and accomplishments.

Section 2. Appropriation.

As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2004-05, \$100,000 to the Department of Health to fund the personnel costs of the Center for Multicultural Health.